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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY TO LIGHT STATE CHRISTMAS TREE

RALEIGH – Governor Mike Easley and First Lady Mary Easley will participate in the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at **6:00 p.m. THURSDAY (Dec. 9) on the west side of the Capitol grounds (off Salisbury Street).**

The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with musical performances by the Broughton Madrigal Singers, the Raleigh Concert Band and the General Assembly Chorus. The Governor and Mrs. Easley will hang wreaths on the Capitol's west doors to begin the official tree lighting ceremony at 6:00 p.m.

Following the ceremony, the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh will host a holiday festival featuring music and children's activities on the Capitol Square and Bicentennial Plaza, in the Museum of Natural Sciences and the Museum of History.

This event is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh and the State Capitol Foundation. The Raleigh Garden Club, the North Carolina Tree Growers Association, the Department of Administration Facility Management, the Herb Society of Wake County and the Junior Woman's Club donated decorations for the Capitol and Executive Mansion.

Prior to the tree lighting, the Executive Mansion will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free and all visitors must present photo identification.

Note: The tree lighting will occur at 6:27 p.m. Parking for TV trucks and limited camera riser space will be available. Please call 733-5612 for more information.

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